1.	Priyadarshini Jurala (6x39 MW)	Unit-1 03/07 Unit-2 07/07 Unit-3 11/07 Unit-4 03/08 Unit-5 07/08 Unit-6 11/08	One unit scheduled in X Plan. Balance five units scheduled for XI Plan
	Projects included in 11th Plan		
1.	Vijaywada TPP St-IV (U-1 500 MW) (M/s APGENCO)	Unit-1 09/08	Scheduled for XI Plan
2.	Bhoopalapally TPS (U-1 500 MW)	Unit-1 12/08	Scheduled for XI Plan

Power tariff

†3159. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to wards news-item published under the caption "Sankatgrast Rajyon Ko Mahangi Bijli Bechne Valon Ke Khilaf Muhim";

(b) if so, the tariff at which power was sold to power scarce States by power surplus States during last three years;

(c) the action, if any, taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the impact thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) As per the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 the tariff for supply of electricity by the generation company to distribution licensee is to be determined by the Appropriate Electricity Regulatory Commission. In case such tariff has been determined through transparent process of bidding in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government, the Electricity Regulatory Commissbn is required to adopt the tariff so determined.

According to Section 86 of the Act, concerned State Electricity Regulatory Commission is required to regulate electricity purchase and procurement process of distribution licensee including the price at which electricity shall be procured from the generating companies or licensees or from other sources.

Trading of electricity i.e., purchase of electricity for resale thereof, is a licensed activity under the provisions of the Act and licence to undertake trading is granted by the Appropriate Electricity Regulatory Commission. Concerned regulatory commission has powers under the Act to fix the trading margin, if considered necessary. Further, an Appropriate Commission has powers to issue such directions under Section 60 of the Act as it considers appropriate to a licensee or a generating company if such licensee or generating company enters into an agreement or abuses its dominant position or enters into a combination which is likely to cause or causes an adverse effect on competition of electricity industry. Non-compliance of the directions of the Commission is punishable under the Act.

The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued draft regulation seeking to fix trading margin.

Amount granted for rural electrification in Assam

†3160. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the amount proposed to be granted to Assam for rural electrification during the year 2005-06 along with the percentage of subsidy to be provided;

(b) the amount released so far during the current financial year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Under "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY)", 90% capital subsidy would be provided for over all cost of the Project. The actual release of grant under this scheme would depend on sanction of projects as also execution of works under these projects.

(b) and (c) Assam Government has submitted 11 Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) district-wise out of which one has been approved and ten are under process. The project sanctioned covers 350 un-electrified villages and 62,132 rural households out of which 44,548 are Below Poverty Line (BPL). First instalment of the funds is released on finalization of award of the contract. Assam is yet to finalize awarding of a contract.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.